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## CHANCE CRAWFORD SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE PRESENTED THIS WEDNESDAY

The annual Chance Crawford Scholarship presentation is set for this Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9am at the Salem Civic Center in Parlor C. Nearly \$25,000 in scholarships and grants will be handed out to individuals from within the greater Salem area who have health problems, physical limitations or educational needs.

In the spring of 1981, the Chance Crawford Trust Fund Committee started a benefit softball tournament that took on a life of its own. The purpose of the event was to help Chance with his educational expenses, the renovation of his home and physical therapy due to his spinal cord injury. After Chance graduated from college, he was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court for the City of Salem and the Chance Crawford Committee decided to take the proceeds from the tournament and put the money back into the community and help fund a variety of worthy causes.

The Chance Crawford Softball Tournament has been recognized as one of the most successful benefit tournaments in the country. In 29 years, the event has raised over \$325,000 that has been distributed to folks and organizations in the Roanoke Valley. Chance will be in attendance Wednesday to hand out this year's awards and meet this year's recipients.

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